

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kyle Hepner on November 3, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract:

line 4, changed "a" to --the--

In the claims:

claim 49,

line 4, changed "between the sill and the transom" to --the height--

line 6, deleted "to establish an elongated open channel there between"

line 7, changed the last occurrence of "and" to --such that the exterior portion, the interior portion and the side portion establish an elongated open channel, the side portion--

line 19, deleted "the major surface of"

claim 62,

line 3, changed "opening" to --channel--

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claim 63,

changed line 3 to --connecting the outer wall and the inner wall.--

deleted line 4

claim 65,

line 2, inserted --assembly-- following "astragal"

claim 69,

line 3, inserted --the-- following the last occurrence of "and"

claim 70,

line 1, deleted "the groove is"

changed line 2 to --the locking mechanism is a dead bolt.--

canceled claim 71

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 571-272-6836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Katherine Mitchell can be reached on 571-272-7069. The fax phone

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